

PREQUALIFICATION SOLICITATION

**ROYALTY GAS BIDDERS
ROYALTY IN KIND PROGRAM
GULF OF MEXICO PILOT**

COVER PAGE

The Minerals Management Service (MMS) is soliciting applications from energy companies and organizations that wish to be designated as prequalified to bid for purchase of the royalty portion of natural gas produced from offshore leases in the Gulf of Mexico. This solicitation consists of this Cover Page and the attached Requestor's Signature Page.

Energy companies and organizations that have been previously prequalified to purchase or aggregate natural gas under any of MMS' RIK programs do not have to re-qualify.

MMS will review and analyze financial statements submitted by energy companies or organizations in response to this request in conjunction with publicly available information. Those companies that are deemed qualified by MMS to purchase royalty gas will be so notified. MMS will only consider competitive bids from prequalified companies.

Potential purchasers of Federal gas in this RIK pilot program must certify that the company's total revenues from buying and selling natural gas have not been less than the following during the past two calendar years:

BID	QUALIFYING LEVEL
Packages up to 10,000MMBtu	\$2.5 million
Packages up to 20,000MMBtu	\$5.0 million
Packages up to 30,000MMBtu	\$7.5 million
Packages up to 40,000MMBtu	\$10.0 million

For each incremental 10,000MMBtu within sales packages, potential purchasers must certify that their company's total revenues from buying and selling natural gas have not been less than an additional \$2.5 million during each of the previous two calendar years.

For joint ventures and partnering arrangements, only one of the partners is required to qualify, provided that each of the partners is jointly and severally liable with respect to all obligations in this solicitation. MMS requests interested energy companies/organizations complete and fax the attached Requestor's Signature Page with the most current company Financial Statement to:

U.S. Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service, PMI
Attn: Mr. Martin C. Grieshaber
Golden Hill
12600 W. Colfax, Suite 440
Lakewood, Colorado 80215
Telefax (303) 275-7124

**REQUESTOR'S SIGNATURE PAGE
GULF OF MEXICO RIK PILOT**

REQUESTOR'S BUSINESS NAME:_____

ADDRESS:_____

CORPORATE OR PARTNERSHIP OFFICER:_____

TYPED NAME AND TITLE:_____

DATE:_____

POINT OF CONTACT NAME AND TITLE:_____

POINT OF CONTACT PHONE AND FAX:_____

POINT OF CONTACT EMAIL ADDRESS:_____

CORPORATE SEAL:_____

Requests by corporations must be executed over the corporate seal.

We certify that we are a qualified bidder as described in the Cover Page of this solicitation and that the information, representations and certifications included in the attached Financial Statement are accurate.